

Reach for the Stars

2011-2012 Catalogue of Programs and Activities

Reach for the Stars contain nearly 100 academic programs, challenges, competitions, events and enrichment opportunities for K-12 students in Minnesota. Programs are reviewed and endorsed by the Minnesota Academic League Council, which operates with administrative assistance from Synergy & Leadership Exchange. Synergy & Leadership Exchange and members of the Minnesota Academic League support and recognize high levels of academic achievement for all students.

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Dear Colleagues,

Reach for the Stars is your guide to academic enrichment programs and activities that will supplement classroom learning and broaden or increase student performance. This catalogue features information on five types of statewide programs to complement classroom teaching and learning: challenges and competitions, awards and recognitions, conferences and institutes, classroom enrichment, and leadership development. These programs cover a wide range of subject areas and grade levels from kindergarten through adult. Whether offered outside the school day or embedded within classroom curricula, these programs will help students discover and develop their interests, passions and talents. They will help schools and communities support and integrate programs for students to stretch their abilities, learn new skills and reach new heights in learning.

With nearly 100 active programs included in *Reach for the Stars*, we believe you will find one or more programs to help students, parents and schools meet personal expectations and local, state or national academic goals and standards.

Reach for the Stars is available on the Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy) website (formerly the Center for Academic Excellence), www.synergyexchange.org in a PDF format for your reference, along with newly endorsed programs and updated information. Please refer to the program and activity providers' websites listed in *Reach for the Stars* for event schedules and program updates. An application is posted on the Synergy website for any statewide program, competition or recognition that desires endorsement by the Minnesota Academic League Council (the state academic counterpart to the Minnesota State High School League for athletics) for inclusion in *Reach for the Stars*.

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Best wishes for a great academic year,

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KEY

■ **Affiliate Member**, **E** - Events(s), **IE** - International Event, **LE** - Local Event, **NE** - National Event,
R - Registration, **RE** - Regional Event, **SE** - State Event

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U.S. Senate Youth Program
Water is Life Art Contest

Challenges & Competitions

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American Mathematics Competitions – 8
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Conferences & Institutes

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
American Legion Boys State
Civil War Teacher Institute
Minnesota Business Venture (MBV)
Minnesota FCCLA
Minnesota YMCA Model Assembly
Minnesota YMCA Model United Nations
Nobel Conference 47
Youth Energy Summit (YES!)

Leadership Development

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
American Legion Boys State
Minnesota Business Professionals of America, Secondary Division
Minnesota DECA
Minnesota FCCLA
Minnesota FFA
Minnesota High School Music Listening Contest
Minnesota YMCA Model Assembly
Minnesota YMCA Model United Nations
SkillsUSA Minnesota
U.S. Senate Youth Program
Youth Energy Summit (YES!)

Visit our website www.synergyexchange.org for additional category listings.

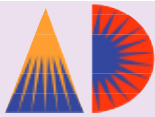
Expanded Opportunities for Students

Reach for the Stars offers a concise listing of all programs that have met the criteria for endorsement by the Minnesota Academic League Council, with a cross-reference to skill sets and curricular areas addressed by each program. Use the *Reach for the Stars* listing of Minnesota Academic League programs to:

- Advance your students' interests and learning.
- Find activities for the classroom or after-school programs.
- Recognize and reward students for their academic achievement.
- Provide interesting curriculum to help students meet state standards.
- Integrate applications of learning into your classroom.
- Make contacts with sponsoring organizations.
- Rally community support for academic activities.

All programs and activities are listed alphabetically by program name and include a brief description, appropriate grade or age level, skill sets used, contact information, fees and activity calendar. If you have difficulty finding an activity, check the index under Minnesota, MN, or National, because several programs are statewide or national in scope, which is reflected in the formal program name. A few programs have made slight changes to their name, which also affects their placement in the catalogue.

To participate in an activity, contact the sponsoring organization directly. The sponsor will provide the additional information and support you may need to enroll or participate, as well as any special requirements or deadlines.



■ **Academic Decathlon**

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

A national scholastic competition designed to stimulate intellectual growth and encourage greater respect for knowledge. The format includes students with A, B and C grade-point averages competing in 10 curricular areas. Competitions range from local scrimmages to national contests.

Academic skills: Recall, problem solving and critical thinking

Program provider: South Central Service Cooperative

Fees and Deadlines: Participation Fee: \$350 per team. Team registration deadline: Sept. 30, 2011. Team paperwork deadline: Dec. 1, 2011. Final rosters due: Jan. 31, 2012. Online Meets: Oct. 15 or 16, 2011; Nov. 18 or 19, 2011; Dec. 10 or 11, 2011; and Jan. 14 or 15, 2012. The State competition: Feb. 14, 2012 (Essay) and Feb. 15, 2012 (Objective Tests) online, and Feb. 26–27, 2012 in Chaska; National competition: April 25–28, 2012, in Albuquerque, NM.

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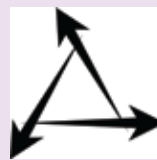
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South Central Service Cooperative
2075 Lookout Drive
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2011 Minnesota Academic Decathlon State Champions, St. Peter High School



■ **Academic Triathlon Challenger/ Cross Trainer**

Grades 5–6, Challenger Division; Grades 7–8, Cross Trainer Division.

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Five-member teams compete in three round

robins, plus regional and state tournaments, during which they participate in three separate contests: write and perform a play; face other teams in a fast-paced, buzzer-driven contest of academic knowledge; and face at least three, 10-minute creative problem solving challenges. Combined point total of the three events determines the winner. Samples of the challenges are available on the web or by mail. Registration form available online.

Academic skills: Problem solving, creative dramatics and factual recall

Program provider: US Academic Triathlon, Inc.

Fees and Deadlines: \$225 for the first team; \$195 additional teams. Registration due Nov. 4, 2011. Fees due Dec. 2, 2011. Round Robin Dates: Dec. 9, 2011; Jan. 6, 2012 and Feb. 10, 2012. Regional tournaments March 2, 2012. State tournaments April 14, 2012.

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Minnetonka, MN 55345



Students during their skit-planning session, part of the creativity program for middle school students.

Achievement Awards in Writing

Grade 11

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

The Achievement Awards in Writing is a school-based writing program established in 1957 to encourage high school students in their writing and to recognize publicly some of the best student writers in the nation. The National Council of Teachers of English will give achievement awards to students nominated and cited as excellent writers by judges. Only students who are JUNIORS in the academic year 2011-2012 may be nominated for 2012 awards; they must be candidates for high school graduation in 2013.

Academic skills: Writing, creativity and critical thinking

Program provider: Achievement Awards in Writing

Fees and Deadlines: Nominations due Feb. 15, 2012. Winners are announced in October.

Contact Information:

Website: www.ncte.org/awards/student/aa

Email: aa@ncte.org

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National Council of Teachers of English
1111 W. Kenyon Road
Urbana, IL 61801

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

Grade 11

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development

The program is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The purpose is to provide citizenship training for young women to afford an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens and to inform themselves about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship.

Academic skills: Cooperation, problem solving and critical thinking

Program provider: American Legion Auxiliary

Fees and Deadlines: Fees paid by American Legion Auxiliary Units (local chapters). Visit website for details.

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.boysandgirlsstate.org/girls.html>

Email: deptoffice@mnala.org

Phone: (651) 224-7634

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Mailing Address: MN American Legion Auxiliary
State Veterans Service Building
20 W. 12th St. #314
St. Paul, MN 55155

American Legion Boys State

Grade 11

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development

American Legion Boys State is a practical training program in local and state government in which selected boys participate in actual learning experiences. We attempt to (1) illustrate to the boys the principles of representative form of government, and (2) arouse an enduring interest in governmental affairs.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, creativity

Program provider: American Legion Boys State

Fees and Deadlines: Fees paid by sponsoring American Legion Post. Applications accepted on a first-come, first-served basis if qualified.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnboysstate.org

Email: information@mnboysstate.org

Phone: (651) 291-1800, Toll free: (866) 259-9163

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The American Legion
20 West 12th St., Room 300A
St. Paul, MN 55155

American Mathematics Competitions – 10&12

AMC–10: Grades 9–10; AMC–12: Grades 11–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The American Mathematics Competition (AMC) wants to increase interest in mathematics and to develop problem solving through a friendly and fun competition. The AMC 10 is designed for 9th and 10th grade students, the AMC 12 is designed for 11th and 12th grade students. Both AMC 10 and AMC 12 are 25-question, 75-minute multiple-choice contests administered by your school. The AMC 10 covers subject matter normally associated with grades 9 and 10. The AMC 12 covers the high school mathematics curriculum, excluding calculus. The problems range from fairly easy to extremely difficult. The contests are for individual recognition.

Academic skills: Mathematical problem solving

Program provider: Mathematics Association of America's American Mathematics Competitions

Fees and Deadlines: Please see website for details.

Contact Information:

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Email: amcinfo@maa.org

Phone: (402) 472-2257

Fax: (407) 472-6087

Mailing Address: AMC Staff
MAA/American Mathematics Competitions
P.O. Box 81606
Lincoln, NE 68501

American Mathematics Competitions – 8

Grades 6–8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The American Mathematics Competition (AMC) wants to increase interest in mathematics and to develop problem solving through friendly and fun competition. The AMC 8 is for students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The AMC 8 is a 25-question, 40-minute multiple choice contest with no penalty for guessing. A student's score is the number of problems correctly solved. The material covered is the middle school mathematics curriculum. No problem requires the use of algebra or a calculator. This contest is for individual recognition.

Academic skills: Mathematical problem solving

Program provider: Mathematics Association of America's American Mathematics Competitions

Fees and Deadlines: Please see website for details.

Contact Information:

Website: www.unl.edu/amc

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Phone: (402) 472-2257

Fax: (407) 472-6087

Mailing Address: AMC Staff
MAA/American Mathematics Competitions
P.O. Box 81606
Lincoln, NE 68501

Christopher Columbus Awards

Grades 6–8

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Challenges & Competitions

Thanks to the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, the eight finalist teams in the Christopher Columbus Awards will enjoy five days filled with excitement, fun, friends and discovery at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. That's what National Championship Week is all about. But for one team, it's something more. Awarded to the finalist team that best demonstrates its enterprising spirit and resourcefulness, the \$25,000 Columbus Foundation Community Grant will help the team turn its great concept into a feasible solution to its community problem. For this team, National Championship Week is just the first step in a year-long adventure.

Academic skills: Problem-solving, critical thinking, interdisciplinary, creativity, research, public speaking and teamwork

Program provider: Christopher Columbus Foundation

Fees and Deadlines: No fees. The deadline is Feb. 6, 2012.

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Newton, PA 18940

Civil War Teacher Institute

Teachers of Grades 4–12

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes

Teachers will learn exciting methods for teaching the Civil War through workshops, lectures and battlefield tours. The 2012 Civil War Trust Annual Teacher Institute will be held in Charleston, North Carolina.

Academic skills: Teacher training program, research, global citizenship

Program provider: Civil War Trust

Fees and Deadlines: A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required for the Teacher Institute. Pre-conference workshops and optional tours are additional fees. Participants are responsible for their lodging and travel, but scholarships are available to cover these expenses. Select meals are included as well as Continuing Education Units.

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Mailing Address: Nicole Osier
Civil War Trust
1156 15th St. NW Suite 900
Washington, D.C. 20005

Classroom Plus

Grades 4–12

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

Through BestPrep's Classroom Plus program, teachers expand learning opportunities for students by bringing business and education together. The program staff coordinates volunteer speakers and tours to supplement classroom curricula. More than 500 speakers across Minnesota bring their business, career and financial literacy expertise into the classroom. They help connect students'

classroom learning with real world applications while serving as positive role models. Tours at various locations are also available.

Academic skills: Critical thinking. Curriculum: business, personal finance, consumer economics, technology, communication, careers and career education.

Program provider: BestPrep

Fees and Deadlines: Program is free. Please allow four weeks notice to schedule speakers.

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Fax: (763) 390-0391

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BestPrep
7100 Northland Circle N., Suite 402
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Close Up Washington DC

Grades 6–12

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

Close Up offers transformative programs in Washington, DC for middle school and high school students. Teacher incentives and free participation with a minimum number of students. Many of Close Up's curriculum components meet or exceed state and national history and social studies standards.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, creativity, cooperation, American history and governmental studies

Program provider: Close Up Foundation

Fees and Deadlines: Call for fees. Registration is rolling; programs run year round

Contact Information:

Website: http://closeup.org/

Email: outreach@closeup.org

Phone: (800) CLOSE UP

Fax: (703) 706-3625

Mailing Address: Close Up Washington DC
44 Canal Center Plaza
Alexandria, VA 22314



Concordia Language Villages

Ages 7–18

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

Students ages 7-18 can learn one of 15 languages or improve their language skills at an ACA certified and accredited summer camp or "Language Village"

around Minnesota with culturally authentic sites located near Bemidji, Minn. Languages offered include: Arabic, Chinese, Danish, English (ESL), Finnish, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Norwegian, Portuguese, Russian, Spanish or Swedish. High School credit options available for all languages. Since 1961, the Concordia Language Villages has been America's premiere language and culture immersion programs for youth. School groups can attend "Village Weekends" in Bemidji, MN or "Village Field Trips" near Stillwater, MN during the academic year to experience language and cultural immersion in Spanish, French, German, Japanese or Chinese. Custom group options can also be arranged for other times and/or languages. Emphasis is on cultural awareness, global and peace issues, environmental stewardship, and language learning skills.

Academic skills: World language proficiency, global citizenship, environmental stewardship, recall, problem solving, critical

thinking, creativity, cooperation and leadership
Program provider: Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
Fees and Deadlines: Check website for fees, scholarships, dates
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Moorhead, MN 56562



Continental Math League

Grades 2–9, Calculus students
Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
This program is designed both to maximize student opportunities to participate and to

improve students' problem solving skills. Students compete in their own schools with others at the same grade level across the U.S. Activities can be held during regular class time. Math books also available.

Academic skills: Calculus, problem solving, critical thinking.
Program provider: Continental Math League
Fees and Deadlines: Grades 2–3: \$75 per team, Grades 4–9: \$85 first team and \$70 additional teams; R: October 2011; Meet dates: November 2011 – March 2012

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Continental Math League
P.O. Box 2196
St. James, NY 11780

Current Events Challenge

Grades 5–12
Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
For 32 weeks of the school year, teachers who subscribe go online and download the weekly edition that highlights the news, sports and entertainment from the week. Teachers also receive two comprehensive semester tests to be used to measure the effectiveness of the program and complete instructions on the recommended implementation.

Academic skills: Critical thinking skills, citizenship and geographic knowledge
Fees and Deadlines: \$50/yr for new subscribers; \$100/yr subsequent years. September-May.

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Wheaton, MN 56296

Destination ImagiNation

Grades K–College
Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
Destination ImagiNation (DI) is the world's largest creative problem solving organization, serving 50 states and more than 40 countries. DI is an international program that teaches life skills and expands imaginations through team-based creative problem solving. Teams of up to seven students

perform their solutions to one of five team challenges with a technical, scientific or theatrical focus. Teams are also given an "instant" challenge at tournaments. Teams may also choose to participate in Rising Stars (grades K-2) and Project Outreach, a community-based challenge. Eight regional tournaments statewide.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, time and budget management, creativity, cooperation, improvisation, research and teamwork

Program provider: Intermediate District 287
Fees and Deadlines: For fee information, please check the Destination ImagiNation website.

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Fax: (763) 550-7356

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Intermediate Dist. #287
1820 Xenium Lane
Plymouth, MN 55441

Economics Challenge

Grades 9–12
Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
Students compete individually and as a team answering multiple-choice questions on microeconomics, macroeconomics and international economics. After the third round of written tests (15 questions per topic), the top two teams compete head-to-head in a lightning "buzzer" round. The winning team advances to regional, state and national competitions. Teams compete in three divisions: small school, large school and advanced placement. Location in a division is determined by the length and nature of the economics class in which students are enrolled. Also available is Economics Challenge ONLINE! Visit www.mcee.umn.edu for more information.

Academic skills: Recall, problem solving and critical thinking
Program provider: Minnesota Council on Economic Education
Fees and Deadlines: No fee, but transportation to the competition site is required. Transportation is paid to regional and national competitions. Contests are held spring 2012.

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eMentors

Grades 9–12
Program Category: Classroom Enrichment
Students and mentors exchange one email message per week on a series of Guiding Question prompts. Email mentoring offers students the chance to develop a relationship with an adult, other than their parents and teachers, who become friends and role models. eMentors can help students increase academic motivation, improve their reading and writing skills, provide pathways to career awareness, gain experience using technology and promote self-confidence.

Academic skills: Writing, communication and personal development
Program provider: BestPrep

Fees and Deadlines: Free, provided volunteer mentors are available

Contact Information:

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Phone: (763) 398-0090 Ext. 227

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Mailing Address: Bonnie Vagasky
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■ **Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program, Minnesota State Contest**

Grades K–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Classroom Enrichment (Waterfowl conservation curriculum and art contest)

This dynamic educational program uses both conservation and design principles to teach wetland habitat and waterfowl biology to students in kindergarten through high school. The Federal Junior Duck Stamp Program provides an opportunity for students to artistically express their knowledge of the diversity, interdependence and beauty of wildlife. Students may submit artwork featuring a North American goose, duck or swan species. Three first, second and third place entries, along with 16 honorable mentions, will be selected from four groups (K–3 grade, 4–6 –grade, 7–9 grade and 10–12 grade). Contest judges select a “Best of Show” from the twelve first place winners, which will be submitted to the Federal Duck Stamp Office and entered into the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest held in April in Washington, D.C. The winner of the National Junior Duck Stamp Contest, along with his/her parent or guardian and teacher, will receive a free trip to a First Day of Sale ceremony in late June/early July. The first place art from the national contest is used to create a National Junior Duck Stamp each year. The Junior Duck Stamp is available for \$5 from the U.S. Postal Service and from many National Wildlife Refuges. Proceeds from the sale of the stamps support conservation education and provide awards and scholarships for participating students, teachers and schools. A downloadable entry form and information on contest rules and regulations for teachers and supervising adults can be found online at <http://www.fws.gov/juniorduck/>. For additional information or if you have questions regarding your student’s or school’s participation in the Jr. Duck Stamp contest, please contact your Jr. Duck Stamp State Coordinator, Mara Koenig.



Academic skills: Art, science, creativity and interdisciplinary
Program provider: Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
Fees and Deadlines: No fee. State and national events. Please see website for details.

Contact Information:

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Email: mara_koenig@fws.gov

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Mailing Address: Mara Koenig
Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge
3815 American Blvd. E.
Bloomington, MN 55425

Federal Reserve Essay Contest

Grades 11–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The essay topic for this economic education contest provides an opportunity for teachers and students in the Ninth Federal Reserve District to study issues concerning economics, banking and the Federal Reserve.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, writing and creativity

Program provider: Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis

Fees and Deadlines: No fees. Essays and student entry forms due in late March. Winners announced in late April. Please check website for specific dates.

Contact Information:

Website: http://www.minneapolisfed.org/community_education/student/essay

Email: Joseph.Mahon@mpls.frb.org

Phone: (612) 204-5254

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Festival Quijote

Grades 9–12 Spanish students

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Festival Quijote gives students a chance to show their talents in many areas, such as performing and visual arts, musical, vocal and writing skills. Students can compete in a variety of categories, such as vocal or instrumental music, theater, dance, videos, art, crafts, children’s books and many more. Students are judged according to their level of study, so Festival Quijote is a chance for all students – beginners and advanced-level students alike – to participate and excel while exploring the many cultures of the Spanish-speaking world.

Program provider: Minnesota Chapter of AATSP - The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese

Fees and Deadlines: AATSP membership required: \$65 per teacher. Teachers may participate once in Festival Quijote without being a member, but a teacher must be a member to participate in the National Spanish Exam. Festival Quijote entry fee must be paid by all students, regardless of whether or not they participated in the National Spanish Exam. The entry fee is \$5 per student.

Contact Information:

Website: Minnesota AATSP: www.mn-aatsp.net; National Spanish Exam Information: <http://nationalspanishexam.org>

Email: mary.montgomery@anoka.k12.mn.us

Phone: (763) 506-7153

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Coon Rapids, MN 55433

FIRST LEGO® League

Grades 4–9 (ages 9–14)

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

FIRST LEGO® League (FLL) is a worldwide program for 9–14-year-olds created through a partnership between FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) and the LEGO Company. FLL helps kids discover the fun in science and technology using real-world context and hands-on experimentation.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and cooperation

Program provider: FIRST

Fees and Deadlines: Please visit the website.

Contact Information:

Website: www.usfirst.org

Email: flteams@usfirst.org

Phone: (800) 871-8326

Fax: (603) 666-3907

Mailing Address: Elisha Duffy
200 Bedford St.
Manchester, NH 03101

Fees and Deadlines: To be announced

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Collegeville, MN 56321



Gathering of Champions

Grades K–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

An annual event to celebrate academic excellence and to honor outstanding K–12 students as Academic All-Stars. Teachers, administrators and/or academic challenge coaches can honor student achievement by nominating their top students or those that have made a dramatic improvement in their academic work for recognition as Academic All-Stars. Nominations

can be placed online each spring at www.synergyexchange.org. Nominators will receive information to provide to their nominees to attend this annual event.

Program provider: Synergy & Leadership Exchange

Fees and Deadlines: No fees. Statewide event: Aug. 3, 2012

Contact Information:

Website: www.synergyexchange.org

Email: synergy@synergyexchange.org

Phone: (612) 578-3377

Fax: (507) 389-1772

Mailing Address: Joyce Swenson
Synergy & Leadership Exchange
2075 Lookout Drive
North Mankato, MN 56003



VIPS congratulate the Academic All-Stars at the 2011 Gathering of Champions.

Germanfest (Deutsches Sprachfest)

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Deutsches Sprachfest is a program of the Minnesota Association of Teachers of German and rotates to a new location every three years. It is currently being held at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota.

Academic skills: Knowledge of German culture and use of German language

Program provider: Minnesota Association of Teachers of German

Global Food Challenge

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Global Food Challenge is a series of innovative learning activities exploring basic economics in the context of world food issues. The four units can be used separately or in combination: Basic Economics of Food Markets, Economics of Food Security, Economics of Food Safety and Economics of World Food Trade. Each unit includes hands-on activities, research, analysis and a written project, and is aligned with Minnesota Academic Standards. The final project in each unit can be entered into a state competition for cash awards. Awards are presented to first and second places for each unit.

Academic skills: Researching, problem solving, critical thinking and writing

Program provider: Minnesota Council on Economic Education

Fees and Deadlines: There are no fees. Workshops for teachers are held in the fall at no cost to provide training in each curriculum. Contests are held in spring. Curriculum materials are free upon request.

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St. Paul, MN 55108

Jostens Renaissance

Grades K–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

Jostens Renaissance is an educational enrichment program developed by Jostens and customized by you. For over 18 years, Jostens Renaissance schools nationwide have been citing higher GPAs, increased attendance, improved morale and stronger graduation rates. Make it happen in your school by becoming a part of Jostens Renaissance today!

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and demonstration performance

Program provider: Jostens Renaissance

Contact Information:

Website: www.jostens.com/edserv

Phone: (800) 624-5534

Mailing Address: Jostens Renaissance
3601 Minnesota Drive, Suite 400
Bloomington, MN 55435

Junior Engineering Technical Society (JETS)

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Providing real-world engineering insight and challenges for high school students... JETS works to increase interest in and awareness of engineering and technology based careers that will meet the demands of America's future workforce. JETS programs and engineering clubs excite students

about careers in engineering and related technical fields by helping them understand the critical role engineers play in the world around us. From exciting student competitions and top academic resources to assessment tools and career exploration materials, JETS is helping students make informed decisions about their futures and developing the next generation of engineers.

Academic skills: Problem solving, teamwork skills, critical and analytic thinking

Program provider: JETS

Fees and Deadlines: Fees: \$150 for the first team of 4-8 students. \$100 for an additional team from the same school. NEDC is free. Please visit the JETS website for registration deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: www.jets.org

Email: info@jets.org

Phone: (703) 548-5387

Fax: (703) 548-0769

Mailing Address: Leann Yoder
1420 King Street, Suite 405
Alexandria, VA 22314

Kids Philosophy Slam

Grades K–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

A philosophical competition designed to make philosophy and creative thinking accessible for kids of all ages and abilities. Students K-12 respond to a philosophical topic posed nationwide through artwork, poetry, music and essays. More than \$5,000 in prizes. Please visit the website for topic and entry information.

Academic skills: Creativity and critical thinking

Fees and Deadlines: Dates to be announced

Contact Information:

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Phone: (507) 467-0107

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Lanesboro, MN 55949

Knowledge Bowl Competition – Jr. High

Grades 7–8

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Junior High Knowledge Bowl is an interdisciplinary academic contest for junior high school students. Teams of students answer questions in a variety of academic areas.

Academic skills: Recall, critical thinking, cooperation and problem solving

Program provider: Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Fees and Deadlines: Fees and dates vary by region.

Contact Information:

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Phone: (218) 739-3273

Fax: (218) 739-2459

Mailing Address: Susan Ward
Lakes Country Service Cooperative
1001 E. Mount Faith
Fergus Falls, MN 56537

Knowledge Bowl Competition – Sr. High

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Senior High Knowledge Bowl is an interdisciplinary academic contest. Students work in teams of four to answer questions in a variety of academic areas. Students can compete for state

championships.

Academic skills: Recall, critical thinking, cooperation and problem solving

Program provider: Lakes Country Service Cooperative

Fees and Deadlines: Fees and dates vary by region; State Knowledge Bowl meets spring 2012

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Knowledge Master Open

Grades 5–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

The Knowledge Master Open scholastic competition is designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic achievement. The contest runs on classroom computers to give all students the opportunity to compete in a major academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. Last year, more than 37,000 students at more than 3,000 schools across the country vied for top scores based upon the accuracy and speed of their answers to multiple-choice questions covering the full range of curriculum.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: Academic Hallmarks

Fees and Deadlines: Event Dates: 5th & 6th Grade: Jan. 25 and March 21, 2012. Middle, Junior and High School: Dec. 7, 2011 and April 25, 2012. Visit the website for more details.

Contact Information:

Website: www.greatauk.com

Email: kmo@greatauk.com

Phone: (800) 321-9218

Fax: (970) 247-0997

Mailing Address: Bob Sauer
Academic Hallmarks
P.O. Box 998
Durango, CO 81302



LifeSmarts

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

LifeSmarts is a fun, game show style competition that rewards students in grades 9-12 for their consumer knowledge. Curriculum materials help integrate LifeSmarts into the classroom.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical

thinking, recall and cooperation

Program provider: Better Business Bureau of Minnesota & North Dakota

Fees and Deadlines: Participation is free. Online competition generally takes place between September and January. (Check the LifeSmarts website for dates.) In-person state competitions take place in March. The national competition is generally held in April in a major U.S. city.

Contact Information:

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Fax: (651) 699-7665

Mailing Address: Maili Frison
Better Business Bureau of MN & ND
2706 Gannon Road
St. Paul, MN 55116

MathCEP – Saturday Math Enrichment Programs

Grades 5–7

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

The University of Minnesota's School of Mathematics Center for Educational Programs (MathCEP) offers enrichment programs for students in grades 5–7 during the school year. The primary objective of these programs is to offer innovative activities focused on a variety of mathematics topics that go beyond the classroom.

Academic skills: Critical thinking and problem solving

Fees and Deadlines: For fees and calendar dates call MathCEP at (612) 625-2861 or visit the website.

Contact Information:

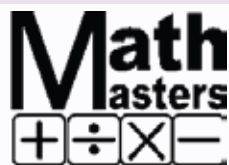
Website: www.mathcep.umn.edu/satenrich

Email: mathcep@umn.edu

Phone: (612) 625-2861

Fax: (612) 612-1150

Mailing Address: Enrichment - MathCEP
4 Vincent Hall, U of M
206 Church St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455



■ **Math Masters**

Grades 5–6

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Math Masters of Minnesota challenges students to use critical thinking skills and problem-solving abilities

in mathematics, while recognizing academic effort and achievement. Students compete as individuals and in teams of five to complete written and timed math tests. There are eight rounds of competitions in all. Students are recognized with plaques, medallions and ribbons for fact drill round, the individual rounds and the team competition.

Academic skills: Factual recall, problem solving, critical thinking and teamwork

Program provider: Math Masters of Minnesota

Fees and Deadlines: Competition 6th grade: March 8, 9, or 10, 2012; 5th grade: April 26, 27 or 28, 2012. \$85/team or \$35/individual. Registration starts in October. Check website for updates and more information.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mathmastersmn.org

Email: mathmasters@austin.k12.mn.us

Phone: (507) 460-1843 or (507) 884-9932

Mailing Address: Janel Horner
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Austin, MN 55912



State Math Masters at the Minnesota Twins game.

Math Olympiads for Elementary & Middle Schools Inc.

Grades 4–6 (Division E), 7–8 (Division M)

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Math Olympiads is a series of five contests per year in each division. Math Tournament is a full day competition among different teams of students in each division. It can be offered by any organization in the spring.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking and creativity

Program provider: Math Olympiads for Elementary & Middle Schools Inc.

Fees and Deadlines: Registration deadline is Sept. 30, 2011.

The fee to enroll a team with a US, Mexican, or Canadian postal code is \$99 using online delivery and \$135 using the mails. For other foreign teams, the fee is \$135 for online or \$170 for mail delivery

Contact Information:

Website: www.moems.org

Email: office@moems.org

Phone: (866) 781-2411

Fax: (516) 785-6640

Mailing Address: John Lufrano
2154 Bellmore Ave.
Bellmore, NY 11710



■ **MATHCOUNTS**

Grades 6–8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

MATHCOUNTS is a combination

coaching and competition program promoting student interest in mathematics by making math as challenging, exciting and prestigious as a school sport. MATHCOUNTS provides a school handbook and other materials to teachers who use these materials to coach students as part of in-class instruction or an extracurricular activity. Classroom participation is followed by chapter, state and national competitions. Free MATHCOUNTS club program materials – available at www.mathcounts.org – provide schools with tools and resources to hold regular math club meetings.

Academic skills: Recall, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and cooperation

Program provider: MN Society of Professional Engineers

Fees and Deadlines: Team of 4 – \$90; Individual – \$25; Title I Schools – \$40 per team; \$10 per individual. Registration deadline December 16, 2011.

Contact Information:

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Mailing Address: Katie Jamieson
20 East Thompson Avenue, Suite 206
West St. Paul, MN 55118



State Team: From left are Coach Katie Tanke, Jenica Zhong, Utkarsh Koshti, Daniel Qu and Vincent Dzik.

Minnesota Agriculture in the Classroom (MAITC)

Grades K–16 and General Public

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

For the past 25 years MAITC has existed as a unique public/private partnership. The program is based at the Minnesota Department of Agriculture with financial support from the self-standing MAITC Foundation. The overarching goal is to enhance agricultural literacy among students and teachers. MAITC educational materials encourage contextual learning by ‘integrating or infusing’ agricultural content into core subject areas such as social studies, science, language arts and math. Both student and teacher resources are available: popular student Minnesota AgMag Series for grades 4-6, AgMag Jr. for primary grades, Food for Thought geography curriculum, Minnesota Commodity Card set, Agricultural Children’s Literature Book Bundle and various supplemental materials. The 2011 State Legislature also funded a new Education Specialist teacher position to allow MAITC to expand its outreach to include professional teacher development (pre and in-service) and online/new technology content delivery.

Academic skills: Factual recall, problem solving, critical thinking, interdisciplinary, environmental stewardship and agricultural literacy

Program provider: MAITC is a public/private partnership organization

Fees and Deadlines: All materials are FREE except for the Children’s Literature Book Bundle. However, many local agriculture organizations have been sponsoring the book bundles to their local school media center.

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Email: alan.withers@state.mn.us

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MAITC c/o MN Department of Agriculture
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Minnesota Business Professionals of America, Secondary Division

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Leadership Development

The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class work force through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological career skills for business and office students. Combines school-based and work-based learning.

Academic skills: Leadership, problem solving and critical thinking

Program provider: MN BPA

Fees and Deadlines: Fees: State Dues \$5, National Dues \$10. Fall Leadership Conference Oct. 30 – 31, 2011. State Leadership Conference: March 8 – 10, 2012

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Phone: (218) 847-5355

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Mailing Address: Jackie Schiller
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Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Minnesota Business Venture (MBV)

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes

MBV is ideal for students dreaming of starting their own business, searching for career direction, heading off for college or just eager to get into the workforce. Students spend a week during the summer at St. John’s University or St. Cloud State University developing leadership, teamwork and communication skills as well as important business experience from numerous business professionals. MBV helps students develop a career focus and plan, build their résumé and reference pool, and hone real-life skills they can use for the rest of their lives.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, cooperation, business and entrepreneurship

Program provider: BestPrep

Fees and Deadlines: Contact for fees and schedules. R: Spring; SE: Summer

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Fax: (763) 398-0391

Mailing Address: Andrea Hanson
BestPrep
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Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Minnesota DECA

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Leadership Development

DECA is a school-to-work student organization which provides marketing related activities and leadership development. It combines school-based and work-based learning, focusing on careers in marketing, management and entrepreneurship. Competition is in occupational skills, leadership and management.

Academic skills: Leadership, management skills, civic consciousness, job responsibility and motivation

Program provider: Minnesota DECA

Fees and Deadlines: Fees: State dues \$5, National Dues \$8. Fall Leadership Conference Oct. 31 – Nov. 1, 2010.

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Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

Minnesota Envirothon

Grades 6–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The Envirothon is an outdoor environmental learning competition for high school students. Area competitions and the state competition are administered by Soil and Water Conservation Districts, in partnership with conservation organizations, educators and other natural resource agencies. The Envirothon promotes a desire for students to learn more about Minnesota’s natural resources, as well as public policy and roles of government and landowners in managing the state’s resources. Teams of students compete by visiting five learning stations and taking a 20-point exam on an

environmental topic. The topics are aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife and current events. Teams also prepare and give an oral presentation on the current events topic, which is new each year. Many areas also have a Junior Envirothon for students in grades 6-8. Participating students go to all of the same learning stations, but they do not give an oral presentation.

Academic skills: Knowledge of natural resource issues and topics, public speaking, research, critical thinking, problem solving-skills, interdisciplinary, creativity and teamwork

Program provider: Minnesota Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (MASWCD)

Fees and Deadlines: Check website for schedule of competitions and deadlines.

Contact Information:

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■ **Minnesota FCCLA**

Grades 6–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Challenges & Competitions, Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development

Minnesota FCCLA provides a comprehensive program for grades 6-12 including leadership, 45 STAR event competitions, STOP the violence, service projects, as well as a co-curricular focus on family, child development, money management, family communication, teen issues, career exploration, in addition to community issues at local, regional, state and national levels. Nationally affiliated with Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA). FCCLA is a lead state agency for Global Youth Service Day in April.

Academic skills: Problem solving, factual recall, leadership development, peer education, critical thinking, interdisciplinary, creativity, teamwork, global citizenship, environmental stewardship, time/budget management, artistic expression and public speaking

Program Provider: Minnesota Association of FCCLA

Fees and Deadlines: Individual membership dues plus event registrations.

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Minnesota Department of Education
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Roseville, MN 55113



Minnesota FFA

Grades 7–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Leadership Development

Academic skills: Communications, leadership and decision-making skills

Program provider: Minnesota Department of Education

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Phone: (651) 582-8347

Fax: (651) 582-8492

Mailing Address: James Ertl
Minnesota Department of Education
1500 Hwy. 36 W.
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■ **Minnesota Future Problem Solving**

Grades K–9, non-competitive opportunities;
Grades 4–12, competitive opportunities

Program Category: Challenges &

Competitions

Problem solving skills, and critical and creative thinking skills are taught both in the classroom and as an extracurricular activity. There are three competitions each year: region, state and international. There are five components: team competition, individual competition, scenario writing, community problem solving and action based problem solving, which is non-competitive.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, analytical thinking, creativity and research

Program provider: Cheryl Whitesitt

Fees and Deadlines: For fees and deadlines, please visit the website.

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Richfield Middle School FPSP students coached by Greg Anderson

■ Minnesota High School Music Listening Contest

Grades 9-12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Leadership Development, Challenges & Competitions, Classroom Enrichment

The Minnesota High School Music Listening Contest assists teachers in their efforts to expand the music experiences of students, primarily through the use of Western art



music, commonly referred to as classical music. The contest materials cover classical music, global perspectives and a variety of musical influences. The objective of the contest is to inspire students to become lifelong participants in the musical experience. Students gain understanding and appreciation of other cultures through listening and learning about music from various areas and time periods. They also develop teamwork skills as they work in teams of three to compete in the regional and state contests. **Regional Contests: Jan. 20, 2012; Snow Date: Jan. 27, 2012; State Contest: Feb. 3, 2012.**



Academic skills: Students develop skills in active listening and critical analysis by learning to identify composers, cultures, periods and styles.

Program provider: The Music Listening Contest

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee is \$90 per team (Each team receives three student guides, one coach's guide and three repertoire CDs with narration). Registration Deadline: Oct. 21, 2011

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Phone: (763) 862-7647

Mailing Address: Deb Nelson, program coordinator
1816 136th Ave. NE
Ham Lake, MN 55304-7007

Minnesota Junior High School Math League

Grades 7-9

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking and creativity

Fees and Deadlines: Please visit the website for the meet schedule.

Contact Information:

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Email: mathleague@aol.com

Phone: (763) 572-1568

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Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Minnesota Mathematics League

Grades 4-8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The Math League has math contests for grades 4 through 8, Algebra 1 students, and high school students. More than one million students from the United States and Canada participate in Math League contests each year. Every contest has questions from different areas of mathematics. The goal is to encourage student interest and confidence in mathematics through solving worthwhile problems. Many students first develop an interest in mathematics through problem solving activities such as these contests. Schools compete in statewide or multi-state league competitions. **Academic skills:** Problem solving, critical thinking and creativity
Fees and Deadlines: Please see website for contest dates, fees and deadlines.

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New Brighton, MN 55112

■ Minnesota Regional Future City Competition

Grades 6-8

Program Category:

Awards & Recognitions, Challenges & Competitions, Classroom Enrichment

From September to

January, students work in teams under the guidance of a teacher and volunteer engineer mentor to create a "city of the future." First, students design a virtual city using SimCity 4 Deluxe software. Then students complete two writing assignments: a research essay on an engineering challenge

(this year's essay topic is clean energy) and a city narrative (a description of the city's unique features). Finally, students build a tabletop scale model of a section of their city using recycled materials and develop an oral presentation about their city.



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Teams give their presentations and showcase their city models at the final regional event in late January. The first place team receives a free trip to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Future City Competition, which takes place in February.

Academic skills: Science, technology, engineering, mathematics, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, research, interdisciplinary, teamwork, leadership development, environmental stewardship, time/budget management, artistic expression and public speaking

Program provider: Locally: Success Beyond the Classroom; Nationally: Engineers Week

Fees and Deadlines: Fee: \$25 per school. Register online: www.futurecity.org. Registration deadline: Oct. 14, 2011. Virtual City due (submitted electronically): Nov. 17, 2011. Research Essay & City Narrative due (submitted electronically): Jan. 6, 2012.

Physical city model and Oral Presentation due at final event: Jan. 14, 2012 (University of Minnesota, Minneapolis)

Contact Information:

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Email: colleen.feller@metroecu.org

Phone: (612) 638-1511

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Mailing Address: Colleen Feller, Minnesota FCC Coordinator
Success Beyond the Classroom
3055 Old Highway 8, Suite 302
St. Anthony, MN 55418

Minnesota Scholastic Art Awards

Grades 7–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

Minnesota high school students, grade 7-12, are invited to enter a juried art exhibition. Award winners are recognized and honored at an award ceremony and reception. This activity is under the national umbrella of Scholastics, Inc. (NYC), and regionally sponsored by the Minneapolis College of Art & Design.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, creativity and problem solving

Program provider: Minneapolis College of Art & Design

Fees and Deadlines: Free. Visit website for deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mcad.edu/msaa

Email: msaa@mcad.edu

Phone: (612) 874-3763

Fax: (612) 874-3701

Mailing Address: Kris Musto, Attn: MSAA
Minneapolis College of Art & Design
2501 Stevens Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55404

Minnesota Science Olympiad (Division B)

Grades 6–9

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Twenty-three events including Crave the Wave, Scrambler, Tower Building, Balloon Launched Glider, RoboCross, Magnify Your Strength, Meteorology, Amphibians and Reptiles, etc. Medals and trophies are awarded for top place finishers in individual events and overall team performance.

Academic skills: Problem solving, factual recall, critical thinking and teamwork

Program provider: National Science Olympiad

Fees and Deadlines: \$125 for a 15-member team, plus up to five more students as alternate competitors. Coaches' manuals from previous years available upon request. New manuals available with registration beginning in September. Regional events held across Minnesota in February.

Contact Information:

Website: www.minnesotaso.org

Email: bnhansmeyer@isd194.k12.mn.us

Phone: (952) 232-3999 x 6864

Fax: (952) 469-3508

Mailing Address: Brandi Hansmeyer
19455 Kenwood Trail
Lakeville, MN 55044

Minnesota Science Olympiad (Division C)

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Twenty-three events including Junkyard Challenge, Mousetrap Vehicle, Tower Building, Bottle Rocket, Optics, Crime Busters, Meteorology, Anatomy, Mag Lev Vehicle, etc. Medals and trophies are awarded for top place finishers in individual events and overall team performance.

Academic skills: Problem solving, factual recall, critical thinking and teamwork

Program provider: Minnesota Science Olympiad

Fees and Deadlines: \$125 for a 15-member team, plus up to five more students as alternate competitors. Coaches' manuals from previous years available upon request. New manuals available with registration beginning in September. Regional event held across Minnesota in February. State event held in March at the University of St. Thomas.

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19455 Kenwood Trail
Lakeville, MN 55044

Minnesota State Geographers' Fair

Grades K–8

Every year K-8 students bring individual, small group, or whole class projects to the Fair, where geographers evaluate their projects. Student participants receive free exhibit hall passes to the Science Museum of Minnesota for the day (OMNI passes are not included), a school participation certificate, and take part in special geography activities. The event concludes with door prize drawings for both teachers and students

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

Academic skills: Geography, visual arts, cooperation and creativity

Program provider: Macalester College & the Minnesota Alliance for Geographic Education (MAGE)

Fees and Deadlines: Fee: none; Date of Fair: visit website for details

Contact Information:

Website: www.macalester.edu/geography/mage/enrichment

Email: pthompson_burke@hotmail.com

Phone: (651) 696-6731

Fax: (651) 696-6116

Mailing Address: Penny Thompson-Burke
Macalester College, Geography Department
1600 Grand Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55105

Minnesota State HS Mathematics League

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Schools send students to five meets in their geographic region with both individual and team competitions. Standings by geographic region, with both individual and team competitions. Top teams in geographic regions and top 50 scoring students participate in a state tournament. Top individuals in state are invited to join the All-Star Team that represents Minnesota in a national competition. Awards are given to individuals and teams.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking and cooperation

Program provider: Augsburg College

Fees and Deadlines: Visit the website for fees and dates.

Contact Information:

Website: www.augsburg.edu/mathleague

Email: mathleague@augburg.edu

Phone: (612) 330-1788

Fax: (612) 330-1509

Mailing Address: Lynn Norby
MN State High School Mathematics League
c/o Augsburg College
Campus Box 190 - 2211 Riverside Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55454



■ **Minnesota Student Inventors**

Congress

Grades K–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
MSIC is a creative problem solving activity in which students identify a real-life problem,

then research and implement a solution. Regional events January-April, State event second weekend in June.

Academic skills: Creativity, research and presentation

Program provider: Minnesota Inventors Congress and individual school districts.

Fees and Deadlines: RE only; none for SE.

Contact Information:

Website: <http://mnstudentinventors.org>; www.minnesotainventorscongress.org

Email: info@mnstudentinventors.org

Phone: (800) 468-3681

Fax: (507) 637-4082

Mailing Address: Amanda Grommesch
235 S Mill St, P O Box 71
Redwood Falls, MN 56283



■ **Minnesota Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl & America Answers Internet Quiz Bowl**

Grades 5–6, 7–8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Fun, scholastic in-school computer competitions. All quizzes are self-scoring, computer contests of 100 multiple-choice questions. Areas covered include math, geography, government, sports, spelling, science, literature, language arts, history, general information and just plain fun trivia. The number of students on the team is up to the teacher – no limits. Schools may form as many teams as desired. There are two chances to answer each question correctly. Points are awarded based on how fast teams answer as well as on accuracy. Therefore, teams who do well usually are teams who can come up with a consensus answer quickly. An adult is needed to monitor but NO adult help can be given. There are fall Minnesota contests and spring nationwide contests called America Answers. See the website for full details.

Academic skills: Factual recall, problem solving, critical

thinking, research, teamwork, leadership development time/budget management and verbal reasoning

Program provider: Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl

Fees and Deadlines: Each contest entry is \$35. Event Dates: Minnesota 5th/6th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl is Nov. 15, 2011. Minnesota 7th/8th Grade Thinking Cap Quiz Bowl is Nov. 17, 2011. 5th/6th grade America Answers Nationwide Internet Quiz Bowl is April 23 - May 4, 2012. 7th/8th grade America Answers Nationwide Internet Quiz Bowl is April 9 - April 20, 2012. Check website for entry forms, info, fees and deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: www.thinkingcapquizbowl.com

Email: thinkcap5@gmail.com

Phone: (515) 278-5097

Fax: (888) 571-4817

Mailing Address: Shirley Kimble
4220 Park Hill Circle
Urbandale, IA 50322



■ **Minnesota YMCA Model Assembly**

Grades 8–12

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development

This program focuses on state government: Students form delegations in local YMCAs

and high schools. With adult advisors, students research and discuss state issues, draft legislation and develop legal opinions. The culmination of the program is the four-day model government at the State Capitol and conference facility in the Twin Cities.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, public speaking, cooperation and leadership development

Program provider: YMCA Youth in Government

Fees and Deadlines: Est. \$380 fee (includes lodging); Check website for retreat, training and conference dates.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnyig.org

Email: yig@ymcamps.org

Phone: (612) 823-1381

Fax: (612) 676-7701

Mailing Address: Jamal Riley
1801 University Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414





■ **Minnesota YMCA Model United Nations**

Grades 7–12

Program Category: *Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development*

Model UN gives students the opportunity to gain an international outlook on issues

that affect the way we live, while they play a role as an international diplomat. Student delegates form alliances, debate resolutions and seek solutions to world problems, all from another country’s perspective. Focus is placed on diplomacy and cooperation among diversity of options and world views.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, public speaking, recognition and leadership development

Program provider: YMCA Youth in Government

Fees and Deadlines: Cost \$320. Check website for retreat and conference dates.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnyig.org

Email: yig@ymcampus.org

Phone: (612) 823-1381

Fax: (612) 676-7701

Mailing Address: Jamal Riley
1801 University Ave. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

MN Academy of Science Junior Science/Humanities Symposium

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Poster and paper presentation of research of a particular science project or problem.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking and creativity

Program provider: Minnesota Academy of Science

Fees and Deadlines: See website.

Contact Information:

Website: www.jshs.mnmas.org/jshsHome.asp

Email: contact@mnmas.org

Phone: (952) 545-6789

Fax: (952) 545-6336

Mailing Address: Lise Weegman
MN Academy of Science
8700 West 36th Street, Suite 114W Box 25
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

MN Academy of Science Middle School and High School Science Bowls

Grades 6-8, 9-12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Students compete during this one-day tournament in five-person teams solving technical problems and answering questions in all branches of science and math. The competition is conducted in a fast-paced question and answer format. Teams go head-to-head and ring in to answer questions, just like the TV show Jeopardy. Each team plays multiple games in the round robin tournament with the chance to advance to a double-elimination championship. The winning team qualifies to represent Minnesota and compete at the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C. in April. The trip is all expenses paid courtesy of the U.S. Department of Energy.

Academic skills: Factual recall, teamwork, problem solving, leadership development and critical thinking

Program provider: Minnesota Academy of Science

Fees and Deadlines: Competition date: Jan. 20, 2012 at Macalester College. Registration fee: \$150 per team of 5 students. Registration begins Oct. 1, 2011 with a Dec.15, 2011 deadline. Check website for additional information.

Contact Information:

Website: www.bowl.mnmas.org

Email: contact@mnmas.org

Phone: (952) 545-6789

Fax: (952) 545-6336

Mailing Address: Lisa Warbritton
Minnesota Academy of Science
8700 West 36th Street, Suite 114W Box 25
St. Louis Park, MN 55426

MN Academy of Science MN State Science & Engineering Fair

Grades 6–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

The Minnesota Academy of Science State Fair is an annual event that showcases Minnesota’s best and brightest students in the field of science, technology, engineering and math.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and cooperation

Program provider: Minnesota Academy of Science

Fees and Deadlines: See website.

Contact Information:

Website: www.fair.mnmas.org/sfHome.asp

Email: contact@mnmas.org

Phone: (952) 545-6789

Fax: (952) 545-6336

Mailing Address: Lise Weegman
Minnesota Academy of Science
8700 West 36th Street, Suite 114W Box 25
St. Louis Park, MN 55426



■ **Mock Trial Program**

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

This program gives students an insider’s look at the American legal system, while

helping them develop strong critical thinking, communication and teamwork skills. A volunteer attorney works with each team of 8-12 students to prepare for simulated trials held in actual courtrooms around the state.

Academic skills: Critical thinking, problem solving, public speaking and teamwork

Program provider: Minnesota State Bar Association

Fees and Deadlines: \$200 per team; R: October 2011; LE: January - February 2012; SE: March 2012; NE: Albuquerque, NM- May 2012

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnbar.org/mocktrial

Email: ereilly@mnbar.org

Phone: (612) 278-6306 or (800) 882-6722

Fax: (612) 333-4927

Mailing Address: Emily Reilly
MN State Bar Association
600 Nicollet Mall, #380
Minneapolis, MN 55402



MSHSL Debate

Grades 10–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

See Fine Arts Rules and Polices manual available on the MSHSL Website at www.mshsl.org.

Academic skills:

Program provider: MSHSL

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee of \$80. Deadline for registration is December.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mshsl.org

Email: cfranson@mshsl.org

Phone: (763) 560-2262

Fax: (763) 569-0499

Mailing Address: Chris Franson
MSHSL
2100 Freeway Blvd.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

MSHSL Music

Grades 10–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

See Fine Arts Rules and Polices manual available on the MSHSL Website at www.mshsl.org.

Program provider: MSHSL

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee of \$80. Deadline for registration is December.

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Brooklyn Center, MN 55430

MSHSL One Act Play

Grades 10–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

See Fine Arts Rules and Polices manual available on the MSHSL Website at www.mshsl.org.

Program provider: MSHSL

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee of \$80. Deadline for registration is December.

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MSHSL Speech

Grades 10–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

See Fine Arts Rules and Polices manual available on the MSHSL Website at www.mshsl.org.

Program provider: MSHSL

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee of \$80. Deadline for registration is December.

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MSHSL Visual Arts

Grades 10–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

See Fine Arts Rules and Polices manual available on the MSHSL Website at www.mshsl.org.

Program provider: MSHSL

Fees and Deadlines: Registration fee of \$80. Deadline for registration is December.

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MTEEA Super Mileage Challenge

Ages 15–18

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

This program joins classroom learning with imagination, ingenuity and

teamwork to produce the most fuel-efficient vehicle. Ideas are tempered with calculation to produce optimum design. Students are in charge of this project from the vehicle's conception to planning, fabrication and testing.

Academic skills: Creativity

Program Provider: Minnesota Technology & Engineering Educators Association (MTEEA)

Fees and Deadlines: Visit website for fees and dates

Contact Information:

Website: <http://www.mtea.net/supermileage/smhome.htm>

Email: paul.keeney@anoka.k12.mn.us

Phone: (763) 506-5692

Fax: (763) 506-5603

Mailing Address: Paul Keeney
Oak View Middle School
15400 Hanson Blvd.
Andover, MN 55304



■ National Current Events League

Grades 4–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
Current events competition with four meets per year.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: National Current Events League

Fees and Deadlines: \$70 for 1 team, \$45 for additional teams; R: October 2011; Meet dates: November 2011– March 2012

Contact Information:

Website: www.cmleague.org

Email: CMLeague@optonline.net

Phone: (631) 584-2016

Fax: (631) 584-6627

Mailing Address: Joseph Quartararo
P.O. Box 2196
St. James, NY 11780

National Geographic Bee

Grades 4–8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

The National Geographic Bee is a nationwide outreach program of the National Geographic Society. It is a classroom and school-based competition. First place prize is a \$25,000 college scholarship with additional prizes including scholarships and cash. Principals of eligible schools must register their schools to participate.

Program provider: National Geographic Bee

Fees and Deadlines: \$90 school registration fee submitted with letter from principal on school letterhead. Registration deadline: Oct. 15, 2011.

Contact Information:

Website: www.nationalgeographic.com/geobee

Phone: (202) 828-6659

Mailing Address: Bee Office
National Geographic Society
1145 17th St. NW
Washington, D.C. 20036



■ National Geography Challenge

Grades 2–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
National geography contest that takes place in the classroom. Five levels: grade 2, grades 3–4, 5–6, 7–9, 10–12.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: National Geography Challenge

Fees and Deadlines: One team \$70, additional teams \$45; R: October 2011 – February 2012; Event: April 23 – May 4, 2012

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National History Day in Minnesota

Grades 6–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

National History Day is a fair of papers, exhibits, documentaries, performances and websites developed around an annual theme. The program focuses on academic research, analysis and creativity. State winners are eligible to participate in the national contest.

Academic skills: Factual recall, problem solving, critical thinking, creativity, interdisciplinary, research, time/budget management, verbal reasoning and artistic expression

Program provider: Minnesota Historical Society and the University of Minnesota

Fees and Deadlines: Regional contest registration fees begin at \$7 per student. There is no classroom fee to participate.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnhs.org/historyday

Email: tim.hoogland@mnhs.org

Phone: (651) 259-3435

Fax: (651) 282-2484

Mailing Address: Tim Hoogland
MN Historical Society
345 W. Kellogg Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55102



■ National Language Arts League

Grades 2–12

Program Category: Challenges &

Competitions

National language arts contest that takes place in the classroom. Five levels: grade 2, grades 3–4, 5–6, 7–9, 10–12. Questions based on spelling, vocabulary, reading comprehension, analogies and grammar.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: National Language Arts League

Fees and Deadlines: \$95 for 2 teams, \$45 for additional teams; R: October 2011 – February 2012; Event April 23 – May 4, 2012

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■ National Science League

Grades 2–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

National science contest that takes place in the classroom. Five levels: grade 2, grades 3–4, 5–6, 7–9, 10–12. Questions based on both factual knowledge and understanding of scientific concepts and processes.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: National Science League

Fees and Deadlines: \$95 for 2 teams; \$45 for additional teams; R: October 2011 – February 2012; Event April 23 – May 4, 2012.

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National Social Studies League

Grades 2–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions
National social studies contest that takes place in the classroom. Five levels: Grade 2, 3–4, 5–6,

7–9, 10–12. Questions based on American studies, geography, government and world history.

Academic skills: Recall and critical thinking

Program provider: National Social Studies League

Fees and Deadlines: \$95 for 2 teams, \$45 for additional teams;

R: October 2011 – February 2012; Event April 23 – May 4, 2012

Contact Information:

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National Spanish Exam

Grades 7–12; Immersion schools

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

There is an exam for each level, 1–6. Be sure to do the practice exams on the following website: <http://nationalspanishexam.org>

Academic skills: Be a Spanish student!

Program provider: The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese (AATSP)

Fees and Deadlines: Please see website for fees and deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: Minnesota AATSP: www.mn-aatsp.net; National Spanish Exam Information: <http://nationalspanishexam.org/>

Email: sdwyer@esbsju.edu

Phone: (651) 683-1700

Mailing Address: Sean Dwyer
Visitation High School
2455 Visitation Drive
Mendota Heights, MN 55120

Nobel Conference 47

Ages: High school to adult

Program Category: Conferences & Institutes

Nobel Conference 47 – The Brain and Being Human. In recent years, novel collaborations between neuroscientists and researchers in seemingly disparate fields have forged new ideas and new questions about the working of the brain. Aspects of daily human life are now incorporated into the scientific arena in a new synthesis to understand the human experience and what it means to be human. The braiding of neuroscience with the humanities, arts, social sciences, theology, and engineering has empowered explanations of the motivations and operations of our daily activities. This insight engenders uncertainty in terms of how to best apply this knowledge responsibly and ethically, and perhaps is even challenging the distinctiveness of our own species.

Academic skills: Creativity and critical thinking

Program provider: Gustavus Adolphus College Nobel Conference

Fees and Deadlines: The 47th Nobel Conference held Oct. 4-5, 2011. Reserved section tickets: \$100, general admission tickets: \$65, delegation tickets: \$40 for a block of 10 tickets, buffet lunch: \$10/per day, closing banquet: \$30.

Contact Information:

Website: www.gustavus.edu/nobelconference

Email: marketing@gustavus.edu

Phone: (507) 933-7520

Fax: (507) 933-6147

Mailing Address: Dean Wahlund
Gustavus Adolphus College
800 W. College Ave.
St. Peter, MN 56082

Northwestern University Midwest Academic Talent Search (NUMATS)

Grades 3–9

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

NUMATS is an opportunity for students to take above-level tests, such as EXPLORE, ACT or SAT.

Academic skills: Recall, problem solving, critical thinking and writing

Fees and Deadlines: Visit website for details

Contact Information:

Website: www.ctd.northwestern.edu/numats/

Email: bkeilt@district16.org or ctd@northwestern.edu

Phone: (763) 795-6686

Mailing Address: Bill Keilty
District Services Center
1415 81st Ave. NE
Spring Lake Park, MN 55432

Poetry Out Loud, Minnesota State Competition

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Through Poetry Out Loud, high school students learn about great poetry through memorization, performance and competition. It is a fun, participatory way to teach poetry and meet English/language arts requirements. At the state level, the winner will receive \$200 and an all-expense paid trip with an adult chaperone to Washington, DC. The winner's school will receive \$500 for the purchase of poetry books. The runner-up will receive \$100 and their school will receive \$200 for the purchase of poetry books. At the national level, students compete for \$50,000 in college scholarships; the national champion receives a \$20,000 college scholarship. All participants past the school level receive prizes for participating, which vary each year based on donations. Typically students receive poetry books and other poetry-related gifts.

Academic skills: Mastering public speaking skills, building self-confidence and learning about literary heritage

Program provider: Minnesota State Arts Board in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation

Fees and Deadlines: Free, registration in the fall, please check website for details

Contact Information:

Website: www.arts.state.mn.us

Email: amy.frimpong@arts.state.mn.us

Phone: (651) 215-1607

Fax: (651) 215-1602

Mailing Address: Amy Frimpong
400 Sibley St. #200
St. Paul, MN 55101

Promising Young Writers Program

Grade 8

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Challenges & Competitions

The Promising Young Writers Program was established to stimulate and recognize students' writing talents and to emphasize the importance of writing skills among eighth-grade students. Students who are eighth-graders in the

2011-2012 academic school year are eligible to be nominated for the Promising Young Writers program. Students must be nominated by their teachers. All nominees from the same school must have the same nominating teacher. One nominee per form. To request the complete brochure by mail, including the impromptu topic and address information for state coordinators, send request to: pyw@ncte.org.

Academic skills: Writing, creativity and critical thinking

Program provider: National Council of Teachers of English

Fees and Deadlines: Check the website for fees and deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: www.ncte.org/awards/student/pyw

Email: pyw@ncte.org

Phone: (217) 278-3608

Fax: (217) 278-3761

Mailing Address: Marcia Loeschen

NCTE

1111 W. Kenyon Road

Urbana, IL 61801

■ **Scholars of Distinction Award Program**

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions

The Minnesota Department of Education's Scholars of Distinction program nurtures and recognizes distinguished achievement by highly motivated students. Students must complete required work in Minnesota's Academic Standards, demonstrate mastery of complex subject matter and apply their knowledge and skills on challenging projects.

This program recognizes high school students who have demonstrated expert or highly accomplished levels of performance in applied geography, leadership, mathematics, science or theater arts. Students may pursue one or more area of focus throughout all or part of their K-12 education. Deadlines, scoring rubrics and project consultants are listed on the Minnesota Department of Education's website.

Academic skills: Individual skills required vary by program

Program provider: Minnesota Department of Education

Fees and Deadlines: No fees.

Contact Information:

Website: http://education.state.mn.us/MDE/Academic_Excellence/Gifted_and_Talented/index.html

Email: Wendy.Behrens@state.mn.us

Phone: (651) 582-8786

Fax: (651) 582-8517

Mailing Address: Wendy A. Behrens

Minnesota Department of Education

1500 Hwy 36 W

Roseville, MN 55113



■ **School Chess Association**

Grades K–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

In existence since 1969, the School Chess Association sponsors tournaments, matches, instruction, camps and other activities. Each year the School Chess Association holds an annual

statewide tournament grades K–6 and another section for the Lawrence Lampert Memorial Tournament, which is open to students in grades 7–12. The final tournament of the year is the Tournament of Champions, which takes the top 16 players in both primary and elementary sections of the statewide tournament to compete in a United States Chess Federation (USCF) rated tournament. The winner of the primary and elementary sections will earn the title of School Chess Association Primary and Elementary Champion.

All 32 players receive a special walnut plaque commemorating their participation. Students learn a lifetime activity. School Chess Association has widened its mission to include summer chess camps and to help schools start a chess club in their building.



Academic skills: Problem solving, critical and analytical thinking

Program provider: School Chess Association

Fees and Deadlines: Call for fees and dates, or check the website, www.schoolchess.org, for more information.

Contact Information:

Website: www.schoolchess.org

Email: lorene@schoolchess.org

Phone: (763) 593-1168

Fax: (763) 541-9293

Mailing Address: Lorene Lampert

5901 Laurel Ave., #134

Golden Valley, MN 55416

SkillsUSA Minnesota

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Leadership Development

The SkillsUSA Championships is a showcase of career and technical education students. This conference will have over 77 hands-on different trade, technical and leadership competitions for the students in competitive events.

Students work against the clock and each other, proving their expertise in occupations like automotive, carpentry, precision machining, medical assisting and culinary arts, to name a few. Contests are run with the help of industry, trade associations and labor organizations, and test competency areas set by industry standards. Leadership contestants will demonstrate skills including extemporaneous speaking and conducting meetings by parliamentary procedure.

Competitors who win in a contest are offered the opportunity to represent Minnesota at the National Leadership & Skills Conference. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives, working together to ensure America has a skilled work force. It helps each student excel. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers, and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations.

Academic skills: It provides quality education experiences for students in leadership, teamwork, citizenship and character development. It builds and reinforces self-confidence, work attitudes and communications skills.

Program provider: Minnesota Department of Education, SkillsUSA Minnesota

Fees and Deadlines: Visit the website for details.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mnskillsusa.org

Email: skillsusaminnesota@comcast.net

Phone: (763) 560-1932

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Mailing Address: Jennifer Polz, Executive Director

SkillsUSA Minnesota

P.O. Box 29286

Minneapolis, MN 55429

TEAMS

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

TEAMS is a one-day, two-part competition. Students learn how the math and science concepts they are learning are applied to real world problems. TEAMS encourages team cooperation and group effort with up to eight students per team. Please check the TEAMS website for more information.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking and cooperation

Program provider: JETS

Fees and Deadlines: Fees vary by site, but range from \$150-\$200 for the first team from a school and \$100-\$150 for each additional team from the same school.

Contact Information:

Website: www.jets.org/teams

Email: teams@jets.org

Phone: (703) 548-5387, ext. 101

Fax: (703) 548-0769

Mailing Address: Margaret Heaphy
1420 King Street, Suite 405
Alexandria, VA 22314

The Stock Market Game™

Grades 4–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

Designed to teach more than just business and math, this motivational tool is used to teach social studies, language arts, life skills, and economics. Students' skills grow as they meet the challenge of learning about the stock market and the world of finance through an online simulation.

Academic skills: Cooperation, problem solving and critical thinking

Program provider: BestPrep

Fees and Deadlines: \$20 per team; R: September & January; SE: Fall 2011 and spring 2012.

Contact Information:

Website: www.stockmarketgame.org

Email: smg@bestprep.org

Phone: (763) 398-0090, Ext. 235

Fax: (763) 398-0391

Mailing Address: Rachel Schwalbach
BestPrep
7100 Northland Circle N., Suite 402
Brooklyn Park, MN 55428

Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision Awards

Grades K–3, 4–6, 7–9, 10–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

ExploraVision is a competition for all students in grades K–12 enrolled full-time in a public, private or home school. It is designed to encourage students to combine their imagination with their knowledge of science and technology to explore visions of the future. Teams of students select a technology, research how it works and why it was invented, and then project how that technology may change in the future. They must then identify what breakthroughs are required for their vision to become a reality, and describe the positive and negative consequences of their technology on society.

Academic skills: Problem solving, critical thinking, creativity and cooperation

Program provider: Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision

Fees and Deadlines: ExploraVision entries are due early February 2012.

Contact Information:

Website: www.exploravision.org

Email: exploravision@nsta.org

Phone: 1-800-EXPLOR9

Mailing Address: Toshiba/NSTA ExploraVision
1840 Wilson Blvd.
Arlington, VA 22201

U of M Talented Youth Math Program

Grades 5–12

Program Category: *Classroom Enrichment*

An accelerated math program, UMTYMP has two components: A two-year high school component covering Algebra I and II, Geometry, and Math Analysis, and a three-year college component starting with two years of honors Calculus.

Academic skills: Analytic ability and mathematical skills

Fees and Deadlines: Registration for the entrance exam begins in January for admission the following Fall. Each year over 600 students test for under 150 positions in the incoming Algebra course. Check the website for exam registration forms and exam fees.

Contact Information:

Website: www.mathcep.umn.edu/umtymp

Email: mathcep@umn.edu

Phone: (612) 625-2861

Fax: (612) 612-1150

Mailing Address: UMTYMP - MathCEP
4 Vincent Hall/U of M
206 Church St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55455

U.S. National Chemistry Olympiad

Grades 9–12

Program Category: *Challenges & Competitions*

USNCO is a recognition program that identifies outstanding high school chemistry students. It is sponsored by the American Chemical Society. More than 10,000 students participate in a series of qualifying events to select the four representatives of the U.S. to the International Chemistry Olympiad.

Academic skills: Problem solving, chemistry and mathematical skills

Program provider: American Chemical Society

Fees and Deadlines: No fees. LE: March; NE: April; AW: June; IE: July (Location changes every year).

Contact Information:

Website: www.acs.org

Email: USNCO@acs.org

Phone: (202) 872-6328

Fax: (202) 833-7732

Mailing Address: Cecilia Hernandez
American Chemical Society
1155 16th St. NW, Room 834
Washington, D.C. 20036

U.S. Senate Youth Program

Grades 11–12

Program Category: *Awards & Recognitions, Leadership Development*

Two high school juniors or seniors will spend a week studying the legislative process in Washington, DC and receive a \$5,000 scholarship for higher education.

Academic skills: Leadership, critical thinking and cooperation

Program provider: MN Department of Education

Fees and Deadlines: Contact Minnesota Department of Education for dates.

Contact Information:

Website: www.usenateyouth.org

Email: paul.hoffman@state.mn.us

Phone: (651) 634-2738

Fax: (651) 582-8730

Mailing Address: Paul Hoffman
MN Dept. of Education
1500 Highway 36 West
Roseville, MN 55113

Walker Art Center Art Today Tours

Grades K–12

Program Category: Classroom Enrichment

Thematic interactive tours exploring contemporary art through Walker's permanent collection and special exhibitions

Academic skills: Critical thinking, creativity and literacy

Program provider: Walker Art Center

Fees and Deadlines: Tours must be scheduled at least four weeks in advance. Tour fees are from \$3–\$6 per student, depending on type of tour requested.

Contact Information:

Website: http://schools.walkerart.org

Email: susan.rotilie@walkerart.org

Phone: (612) 375-7614

Fax: (612) 375-5802

Mailing Address: Susan Rotilie
1750 Hennepin Ave.
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Water is Life Art Contest

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Awards & Recognitions, Challenges & Competitions, Classroom Enrichment

The program educates youth of the importance of our most precious resource and offers scholarships and recognition to young artists.

Academic skills: Artistic expression, earth science and writing skills are used by the artists entering the competition.

Program provider: Freshwater Society and Minnesota Service Cooperatives

Fees and Deadlines: No fees. Check website for deadlines.

Contact Information:

Website: www.freshwater.org

Email: jeanne@freshwater.org

Phone: (952) 471-9773

Fax: (852) 471-7685

Mailing Address: Jeanne Prok
2500 Shadywood Road
Excelsior, MN 55331



WordMasters Challenge for Grades 3–8

Grades 3–8

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Students use vocabulary they have studied in advance to complete analogies expressing various kinds of logical relationships. Two levels of

difficulty are offered at each grade level. Competitions held at each school with state and national results. This program develops verbal reasoning as well as vocabulary.

Academic skills: Vocabulary and verbal reasoning

Program provider: WordMasters Company

Fees and Deadlines: \$87 to enroll in one division, \$143 to enroll

in both divisions. Registration deadline is Sept. 30, 2011. LE: December, February & April.

Contact Information:

Website: www.wordmasterschallenge.com

Email: n.mcgrath@worldnet.att.net

Phone: (201) 327-4201

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Mailing Address: Nancy McGrath
213 E. Allendale Ave.
Allendale, NJ 07401



WordMasters Challenge for Grades

9–12

Grades 9–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions

Students read and answer multiple-choice questions about selected stories, poems and essays. The texts vary in subject, style and tone, but all offer layers of meaning not always apparent to students on first reading. Competitions (held at each school, with state and national results) help students read insightfully and prepare for both AP English exams, as well as the SAT II in English.

Academic skills: Close reading, analysis and interpretation

Program provider: WordMasters Company

Fees and Deadlines: \$97 per grade level, or \$179 for two grade levels (9–10 or 11–12), or \$358 for four grades. The deadline for enrolling in the 2011-2012 WordMasters Challenge for high schools is Sept. 30, 2011

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World Savvy Challenge

Grades 6–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Classroom Enrichment

The World Savvy Challenge is a project-based learning program for middle and high school students designed to build their knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors for global competence. Through the program, students work in teams to explore a global theme, identify a topic and problem for further research, and develop potential solutions to their problem at the local, national and global level. Students then create a knowledge-to-action plan for how they can be involved in implementing their solution at one or more of these levels. Students also engage in collaborative discussions with peers from other schools about the pros and cons of existing solutions. Ultimately, the program empowers students to take informed action to address 21st century challenges both locally and globally. Our program also provides teachers with the resources, curriculum, professional development and support to embed this program into their classroom. The 2011-2013 theme is Sustainable Communities.

Academic skills: Research, public speaking, teamwork, leadership development, global citizenship, environmental stewardship, creativity, interdisciplinary, time/budget management, verbal reasoning, critical thinking and problem solving

Program provider: World Savvy

Fees and Deadlines: \$300 for the first team (teams consist

of 2-10 students), \$200 for each additional team. Early Bird Registration (receive a 15% discount) - Nov. 15, 2011. Registration Deadline - Dec. 15, 2011. Two-Day Professional Development Institute on Sustainable Communities - Oct. 20-21 (\$1,000, cost includes 2 teams, early bird registration is July 15, 2011).

Contact Information:

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Fax: 612-767-4439

Mailing Address: KK Neimann
World Savvy: Think Beyond Your Borders
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■ **Youth Energy Summit (YES!)**

Grades 8–12

Program Category: Challenges & Competitions, Classroom Enrichment, Conferences & Institutes, Leadership Development

YES! is a team-oriented youth program that uses hands-on, experiential learning and energy action projects to address energy opportunities and issues in rural Minnesota communities. Students are the energy of the YES! program. YES! teams are student groups representing schools or communities in grades 8 through 12, guided by local, adult coaches.

Academic skills: Applied science and technology, communication, careers, leadership and project planning

Program provider: Southwest Initiative Foundation, Prairie Woods Environmental Learning Center, Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation, Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

Fees and Deadlines: \$300 per team. Applications preferred by Sept. 15 of each school year. See www.youthenergysummit.org for more details.

Contact Information:

Website: www.youthenergysummit.org

Email: sayyes@youthenergysummit.org

Phone: (320) 583-4475

Mailing Address: Becca Bell, YES! Coordinator
15 3rd Ave NW
Hutchinson, MN 55350

No Longer Available:

Minnesota State Spelling Bee — The state spelling bee is no longer held; various regional spelling bees exist.

Visit www.spellingbee.com.

ITCEP – Math & Computer Summer Enrichment

Not Active This Year:

Humphrey Forum

Civil War Preservation Trust Poster & Essay Contest

Additional Information

Minnesota Academic League Council

The Academic League Council was first created in 1988. It was re-established as the Minnesota Academic League Council in 2006 to work in cooperation with Synergy & Leadership Exchange (formerly the Center for Academic Excellence). The council consists of volunteers representing academic challenge coordinators, students, educators and education stakeholder groups who meet regularly to review and endorse academic enrichment programs that are available on a statewide basis. Synergy provides administrative support for the council and creates and publishes the *Reach for the Stars* catalogue, which lists programs and activities endorsed by the Minnesota Academic League Council.

Please refer to the Synergy website: www.synergyexchange.org for program/activity endorsement criteria and more information on the Minnesota Academic League.

Synergy & Leadership Exchange

The Center for Academic Excellence has changed its name to Synergy & Leadership Exchange. This transition reflects our expanded mission more accurately as we strive to better meet the needs of those we serve. Our updated mission is to foster collaboration, provide resources and celebrate achievement. Our revised vision is “Helping Minnesotans be their best.”

Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy) is a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering collaboration to advance the development of ethical citizens, providing educational resources, and celebrating achievement and best practices in Minnesota schools, businesses and communities. Visit Synergy at www.synergyexchange.org or find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SynergyExchange

The WEM Foundation Educator Awards

The Outstanding Educator Awards Program was created in 1998 by the WEM Foundation in support of educators, administrators and academic coaches and their important role in helping all students achieve academically, and seeks to bring recognition to the often “unsung heroes” who meet the challenges of teaching in a variety of settings. Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy) administers the award program on behalf of the WEM Foundation.

In addition to regional honorees, each of whom receives a plaque and a \$1,000 stipend, a number of Minnesota educators are honored at the state level with the WEM Outstanding Educator Awards. Each state honoree receives an unrestricted \$10,000 and crystal apple award acknowledging their exceptional dedication to teaching. State honorees are chosen in each of the following categories:

- **Teacher Achievement Awards** – recognizing exemplary teachers who support, inspire and assist students to attain greater learning as evidenced by student achievement.
- **Academic Challenge Coach Awards** – recognizing classroom teachers who are exemplary coaches of student teams that participate and compete in academic challenges endorsed by the Minnesota Academic League Council.
- **Ethics in Education Awards** – recognizing exemplary educators or administrators who embody ethical behavior and promote ethical development for students through classroom or school activities, policies or curriculum.
- **NEW - Excellence in Education Award** – A lifetime achievement award, recognizing superior contributions of educators whose leadership and dedication inspire a spirit of learning in students of all ages, backgrounds and abilities outside the traditional education system and classroom. This award is for educators outside the traditional classroom and nominees do not need to be licensed teachers. Awards are not given on an annual basis.

For additional information on the educator awards program, including ways to submit a nomination, visit the Synergy website: www.synergyexchange.org. Students, parents and educators are encouraged to submit nominations at any time.



2010 WEM Outstanding Educator Award Honorees

Minnesota Schools of Character & Promising Practices Awards

Synergy & Leadership Exchange (Synergy), in partnership with the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE), administers this program to recognize schools and/or districts that excel in exemplifying the Eleven Principles of Effective Character Education and demonstrate outstanding character education initiatives that yield positive results in student behavior, school climate and academic performance. This program is modeled after the National Schools of Character (NSOC) program which is sponsored by the Character Education Partnership (CEP).

Promising Practices are also recognized as part of this program, acknowledging schools that have developed and implemented a specific practice that promotes character development in their schools. These practices must be: specific, unique and transferable, provide measurable results and impact, and encompass at least one of the eleven principles.

Award-winning promising practices are posted to the Synergy website: www.synergyexchange.org.

For additional information on the Minnesota Schools of Character and Promising Practices Awards program, including ways to submit an application, visit the Synergy website: www.synergyexchange.org.



Minnesota Schools of Character and Promising Practices Awards program at the Minnesota state capitol rotunda.

Ethical Citizens for Minnesota's Future

Ethical Citizens for Minnesota's Future is a statewide initiative supported by Synergy & Leadership Exchange and working in collaboration with partners across the state to develop and advance programs which advocate for and promote good character in our citizens.





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 LifeSmarts
 Math Masters
 MATHCOUNTS
 Minnesota FCCLA
 Minnesota Future Problem Solving
 Minnesota High School Music
 Listening Contest
 Minnesota Regional Future City
 Competition (FCC)
 Minnesota Student Inventors
 Congress
 Minnesota YMCA Model Assembly
 Minnesota YMCA Model United
 Nations
 Mock Trial Program
 MTEEA Super Mileage Challenge
 National Current Events League
 National Geography Challenge
 National Language Arts League
 National Science League
 National Social Studies League
 Scholars of distinction Award
 Program
 School Chess Association
 WordMasters Challenge
 World Savvy Challenge
 Youth Energy Summit

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A Few Words About Recognizing Outstanding Teaching and Learning...

We all recognize the value of feeling good about the work we do. Public recognition of our accomplishments often motivates us to set higher goals, and often encourages others to do the same. For the partnering organizations behind the Reach for the Stars catalogue, recognizing outstanding teaching and learning is just as important as promoting academic excellence at all levels. At Synergy & Leadership Exchange, it is our pleasure to work with sponsors and partner with schools and districts to help bring public recognition to deserving students and educators.

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